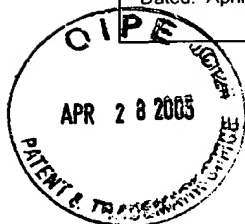


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Dear Sir:

Applicants request that the Examiner exercise discretion in favor of entering the present amendment because it reduces the issues for appeal, thereby placing the application in better condition for appeal. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the present amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification: Begin on page 2.

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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.